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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Tetsuya Mizuguchi      ATTY DOCKET NO. 09792909-4796  
SERIAL NO. 09/822,934      GROUP ART UNIT: 2652  
FILING DATE: March 30, 2001      EXAMINER: D. Davis  
INVENTION: "MAGNETORESISTANCE-EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETORESISTANCE-EFFECT MAGNETIC HEAD, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A MAGNETORESISTANCE-EFFECT ELEMENT"

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated January 7, 2004. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

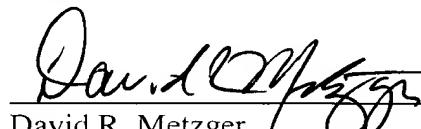
In the Office Action of January 7, 2004, the examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-18 drawn to a magnetoresistance element and Group II claims 19-28 drawn to a method of making a magnetoresistance element.

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Group I claims 1-18.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In addition, applicant hereby elects examination of Species I, Figures 1 and 4.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS	-20		( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS	3		( ) X 42.00 ( ) X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$140.00 ( ) \$280.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$\_\_\_\_ for the extension to American Express Account No. 378571697401002. PTO Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

The Commissioner is authorized and requested to charge the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee to American Express Account No. 378571697401002. PTO Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

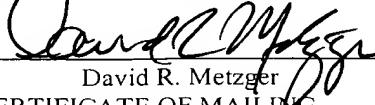
A check for \$\_\_\_\_ accompanying attached Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321.

A check for \$\_\_\_\_ for Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(b) is attached.

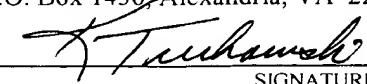
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 - Ext. 12578.

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BY  (Reg. No. 32,919)

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